from 1st April, 1994 to 31st March, 1995 alongwith details thereof;

(b) what is the number of letters acknowledged out of them;

(c) what is the number of letters in respect of which final replies were sent; and

(d) what is the break-up of final letters issued by the Ministry containing positive and negative replies respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) A total of 984 letters written by the Members of Parliament were received in the Ministry of Defence during the period 1.4.1994 to 31.3.1995.

(b) As per the procedure all the letters are acknoweldged immediately on receipt of a letter.

(c) Final reply in 493 cases have been sent. Remaining 491 cases are being processed.

(d) Positive replies — 256
Negative replies — 225

In the remaining 12 cases factual information as sought for by the Hon'ble M.Ps was furnished.

Visit of Israeli Chief of Air Staff

4709. SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH: will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief of Air Staff of Israel had visited India in March, 1995;

(b) if so, whether he was invited to visit India or it was at his own initiative; and

(c) whether any cooperation is going on between the Indian Air Force and Israel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) Maj. Gen. H. Bodinger, Commander Israeli Air force came on a goodwill visit to India from 27.3.95 to 4.4.95 on a formal invitation from the Chief of the Air Staff. During the visit, matters of mutual interest pertaining to defence cooperation were discussed. India follows a policy of developing cooperation in the field of defence with various friendly nations. Consequent upon the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1992, there has been an intensification of dialogue for cooperation with israel in various spheres.

Army personnel killed in Jammu and Kashmir

4710. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Army Jawans and officers killed/injured so far during each of the last fivce years fighting with militants in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) the details of encounters in which they have been killed/injured; and

(c) what compensation has so far been paid to the families of those killed and also to those who have been injured?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) The details of Army Jawans and officers killed/injured while fighting with the militants in Jammu and Kashmir for the last 5 years are as under:—

Year	Officers	JCOs	ORs	Total
Killed				
1990	2	1	52	55
1991	5	4	88	97
1992	2	9	75	86

Year	Officers	JCOs	ORs	Total
1993	11	10	110	131
1994	18	12	164	194
Injured				
1990	7	9	115	131
1991	18	17	317	352
1992	24	21	229	274
1993	31	27	430	488
1994	44	47	499	590

The casualties suffered by the Army personnel are mainly under the following circumstances:—

(a) Cordon and Search operations against Anti National Elements.

(b Encounters/engagements.

(c) Ambush by millitants during transit.

(d) Blasts, Mine Explosions, rockets Firings.

The details of financial assistance and other benefits/ incentives admissible to the familes of those killed in engagement with terrorists in Jammu & Kashmir are given below:—

(a) Liberalised special family pension equal to recknoable emoluments last drawn, till dealth or disqualification, Family Gratuity at the specified rates depending on the rank and death gratuity depending on the length of service is also admissible.

(b) **Army Group Insurance (AGI) Benefits**
The families are also be eligible for death benefits from AGI at the following scale:—

Officers — Rs. 3,50,000.00 upto 1.2.93 thereafter Rs. 3,85,000.00

JCO/ORs— Rs. 1,50,000.00 upto 30.11.93 and thereafter Rs. 1.65,000.00

(c) **Other Benefits**
Financial assistance at the following scale is applicable.

(i) **Army Officers' Benevolent Fund** — **Next of kin of officers are entitled to maximum financial grant of Rs. 20,000/-.**

(ii) Army Wives Welfare

Officers — Rs. 5,000/-

JCOs — Rs. 4,000/-

ORs — Rs. 3,000/-

(iii) Disabled Army Personnel, Widow and Orphans Funds (DAPWO)

Officers — Rs. 2,000/-

JCOs — Rs. 1,500/-

ORs — Rs. 1,000/-

Defence Service Officers' Provident Fund Armed Forces Personnel provident Fund and leave encashment as admissible.

Educational Concessions

(d) **Children of Defence Personnel Killed or disabled in action, who are studying in educational institutions under the Department of Education, are entitled to the following educational concessions:—**

(i) Complete exemption from tuition fee and other fees levied by the educational institution concerned.

(ii) Grants to meet hostel charges in full for those studying in Boarding Schools and Colleges.

(iii) Full cost of books of uniform where this is compulsory.

(iv) Full cost of uniform where this is compulsory.

(e) **Grant for Construction/Repair of Houses**

The Central Government reimburse 50 per cent of grant paid to War Widows by the State Government for construction/repairs of houses subject to a maximum of Rs. 5,000/-.

(f) **Grant of Marriages of Daughters of War Widows**

The Kendriya Sainik Board gives a grant of Rs. 4,000/- for marriages for a daughter of a war widow.

(g) **Rail Travel Concession.**

War widows are given 75 per cent concession in rail fare for travel in Second class.

(h) **Employment Assistance**

A son/daughter/adopted daughter/son/widow of the service personnel died in harness and who is not below 18 years in age is considered for employment for Group 'C' and 'D' vacancies depending upon his or her educational qualification, on compassionate grounds.

Army Personnel injured in clashes with militants in J&K area on invalidment are entitled to war Injury Pension equal to the reckonable emoluments last drawn for 100 per cent disability. In cases where the disability is less than 100 per cent the amount of war Injury Pension is proportionately reduced. In no case, however, the amount of War Injury Pension is less than 60 per cent of the reckonable emoluments last drawn in the case of Officers and 80 per cent of the reckonable emoluments last drawn in the case of personnel below officer rank.

The minimum amount of War Injury Pension is also admissible in case the degree of disability is assessed at below 20 per cent at the time of invalidment or at any subsequent reassessment stage.

However, the Army Personnel who are retained in service despite war injury which is assessed at 20 per cent or more for life, have the option either to:—

(a) draw war injury pension at the time of subsequent retirement forgoing lumpsum compensation, or

(b) draw lumpsum compensation in lieu of war injury element forgoing war injury pension at the time of subsequent retirement/discharge.

The rates for calculation of lumpsum compensation in lieu of war injury pension for 100 per cent disability for life are as under:—

(a) Officers : Rs. 1500/-P.M.
(b) JCOs : Rs. 1100/-P.M.
(c) ORs : Rs. 900/-P.M.

For disability due to war injury of less than 100 per cent, the rates are proportionately reduced.

The one time compensation in lumpsum in lieu of war injury pension will be equal to the capitalised value of war injury pension for the actual percentage of the disability at the appropriate rate mentioned above.

Setting up of hospital for employees of defence production units

4711. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up a hospital exclusively for the employees of every Defence Production Unit; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to set up a hospital at the Defence Production Unit at Saintala in Bolangir district, Orissa?